

Private medical college shut

40 hurt as students clash with staff

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At least 40 students and staffers of a private medical college in Ashulia were injured yesterday as they were locked in a clash.

Angry students ransacked the college and its hospital after the authorities closed the college and all its dormitories for sine die.

Students of Nightingale Medical College have been demonstrating for a long time demanding appointment of more teachers, improved diet and pathology laboratory.

Sources said all 165 students of fourth batch became furious at about 10:00am after they had seen the notice saying the college had been closed.

Witnesses' said agitated students vandalised machinery, equipment and furniture of the college and hospital.

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The clash erupted when the staffers of the college tried to resist the angry students. Both the groups equipped with sticks and brickbats chased each other, witnesses said.

The injured were admitted to different local hospitals and clinics.

Sub-inspector Iliasur Rahman of Ashulia Police Station told The Daily Star, "College Chairman Asaduzzaman Chowdhury on Tuesday assured the students of meeting their demands.

The chairman also asked the students to hold a meeting with them on Thursday (today) in this regard," the SI said.

"But the authorities filed a general diary with the Ashulia Police Station in the morning against the students and closed the college leading to the clash between staffers and student," he added.